

WESTERN ARMORY AND NAVAL DEPOT:

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MISSISSIPPI,

IN REFERENCE

To the location of the western armory and naval depot.

FEBRUARY 22, 1844.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A RESOLUTION in relation to the location of the armory and naval depot of the United States.

Whereas the subject of the location of a branch of the armory and naval depot of the United States has produced much excitement in the minds of the people of the western and southwestern States for some time past, which it is the duty and interest of those concerned to allay and settle as soon as possible, as far as an expression of public opinion will tend: and whereas the citizens of the State of Mississippi are deeply interested in the speedy determination of this question, and the location of these two great contemplated works, in common with the citizens of other States, on account of the immense advantage that will result to them, as well nationally as individually: and whereas, in the opinion of the people of the State of Mississippi, the cities of Vicksburg, Natchez, Grand Gulf, Fort Adams, or some point on the seacoast within the limits of Mississippi, at or near Ship Island, combine more advantages for the location of the two great works referred to, than any other point in the western or southwestern States: therefore,

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That it is expedient and proper that the branch of the national armory and naval depot about to be established by the Government of the United States, in some one of the western or southwestern States, be located at some one of the above-named points in this State.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best exertions to attain the object above proposed.

Resolved, That, if the location of the naval depot cannot be obtained in the State of Mississippi, then our Representatives be requested, and our Senators instructed, to use their influence in favor of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, for said location.

Resolved, That the resolution approved July 21st, 1843, recommending

Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, for said location, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Resolved, That a copy of said preamble and resolutions be transmitted by the Governor of this State to each of our members in Congress, to the President of the United States, and to the Secretaries of War and the Navy.

JAMES L. TOTTEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. SPEIGHT,

President of the Senate.

Approved February 7, 1844.

A. G. BROWN.

I, Wilson Hemingway, Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions are a true copy of the original of which they purport to be a transcript.

Done at the office of the Secretary of State, the 7th February,
[L. s.] 1844. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto annexed my name, and affixed the seal of the State.

W. HEMINGWAY,

Secretary of State.